

**Chapter 2**  
**TRAFFIC CIRCULATION ELEMENT**  
**4/2006**

<b>GOAL 1:</b>	To maintain, improve and expand a transportation circulation system which provides safe and efficient movement of goods and people within and through Gulf County.
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.1:</b>	Gulf County shall continue to provide for safe, convenient and efficient motorized and non-motorized traffic flow by implementing the policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
<b>POLICY 1.1.1:</b>	The County will assess the need to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic on all future road construction projects. When feasible and in accordance with Florida Department of Transportation's guidelines, provisions will be made.
<b>POLICY 1.1.2:</b>	The County hereby adopts a peak hour level of service D as the minimum level of service for all State principal arterials in the County Level of Service D is hereby adopted for all other roadways in Gulf County.
<b>POLICY 1.1.3:</b>	Gulf County shall continue to implement land development regulations which address the control of connection and access points of driveways and roads in order to provide safe and efficient access.
<b>POLICY 1.1.4:</b>	Gulf County shall continue to implement land development regulations which establish standards for safe and convenient on-site traffic flow.
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.2:</b>	Gulf County shall coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation and developments to maintain adopted levels of service for all roadways as new growth occurs.
<b>POLICY 1.2.1:</b>	The County shall monitor the Florida Department of Transportation's annual data for growth in traffic volumes.

<b>POLICY 1.2.2:</b>	County land development regulations shall require an assessment of the impact on existing transportation systems for all proposed developments.
<b>POLICY 1.2.3:</b>	To improve hurricane evacuation, economic growth and reduce impacts to Tyndall Air Force Base, Gulf County encourages the creation of a new north/south regional roadway to Interstate 10 commonly referred to as the “Gulf Coast Parkway” and “Gulf to Bay Highway”.
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.3:</b>	Gulf County shall foster cooperation with local and state agencies so as to coordinate the transportation plans of all related entities through implementation of Policies 1.3.1, 1.3.2 and 1.3.3.
<b>POLICY 1.3.1:</b>	The County shall coordinate plans with the Florida Department of Transportation’s Five-Year Work Program to maintain consistency with this Traffic Circulation Element.
<b>POLICY 1.3.2:</b>	The County shall coordinate transportation improvement projects with local municipalities within the County where appropriate to ensure consistency of plans.
<b>POLICY 1.3.3:</b>	The County shall provide notification and request comments from the appropriate local government concerning proposed developments which may affect the level of service on roads within Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka or an adjacent County.
<b>OBJECTIVE 1.4:</b>	Gulf County shall protect the right-of-way of existing and future transportation corridors from building encroachment through implementation of policies 1.4.1 and 1.4.2.

<p><b>POLICY 1.4.1:</b></p>	<p>The Gulf County Planning and Development Review Board and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners shall review for approval all new roadway development consistent with the Land Development Regulations and Subdivision Ordinance which require development to meet County and State roadway design and capacity standards.</p>
<p><b>POLICY 1.4.2:</b></p>	<p>The County shall continue to develop resources for the acquisition and protection of existing and future rights-of-way.</p>